

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes**  
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**Monday  
February 4, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge/Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with eleven (11) District Advisory Board members in attendance, seven (7) city staff and five (5) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Jaya Escobar  
Janet Miller  
Bob Schreck  
Pat Randleas  
C. Bickley Foster  
Bob Aldrich  
Stacie Longwell  
Carol Skaff  
Charlie Claycomb  
John VanWalleghen  
Marsha Carr

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Officer Davidson, Patrol West  
Officer Schweidthal, Patrol South  
Officer Sharp, Patrol North  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant\  
John Stark, Environmental Services  
Laura Quick Environmental Services  
Officer Mallard, Patrol North

**Guests**

Listed at end

**Council Member Fearey** called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for January 7, 2008 were approved with amendments. (**Schreck/Foster 11-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Schreck/Skaff 11-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** *Paul Wingerd 1141 Denker* expressed his opinion on the Smoking Ban. *Wingerd* said he served in the military and each individual has their rights. I don't think I should be told how to run my business. I have the right to choose.

*Don Hamm-South City NA* stated he was speaking for those who smoke and about places where you can't smoke. *Hamm* said he was not sure how the ban discussion got started but is not happy about it. I have been smoking since I was in the service. Please think about this. There are 400 restaurants now that are non-smoking. This smoking ban is no good.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

### **Staff Presentations**

#### **3. Community Police Report**

*Patrol West - Officer Davidson* beat 15 said there have been copper thefts from businesses and we are using extra patrols to try and catch whoever is doing this. The light poles at Orchard Park were tampered with and by doing extra patrols an arrest was made.

*Patrol South – Officer Schweidthal*, Old Town stated there have been continued larcenies to vehicles and we handed out flyers to businesses and talked to owners about taking safety measures. A lady got her computer stolen out of her car. We have officers undercover in unmarked vehicles due to a burglary problem where they were going thru the windows and then handing items out. One arrest was made and since then there have been no burglaries but we continue to monitor. Also, officers continue to look at the light problem where brighter lighting is needed for security measures. **Skaff** asked about an incident near Flashbacks this past weekend with stabbings and shooting. *Schweidthal* responded this problem started after several people were kicked out of a club.

*Patrol North – Officer Mallard* 41 Beat stated graffiti continues to be a big problem in the area and officers are working with the gang unit. The house on Eighth Street is now vacant where a recent murder took place. Officer Feurborn and I are putting together a meeting to try and start a business association along North Broadway due to the prostitution problem. The first meeting is scheduled for February 18 at 6:30p.m. at the Midtown Community Resource center. We will offer different presentations on subjects such as fraud, counterfeiting etc. **Carr** mentioned to also add graffiti and a 911 campaign for businesses. **Escobar** asked if officers had talked to the 21<sup>st</sup> street Business yet. *Mallard* responded not yet but there could be possible partnering between the groups. **Aldrich** said he was a 21<sup>st</sup> Street business member and would mention this meeting to his group for them to attend and also thought it would be good to get the two groups together to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood. **Fearey** told *Mallard* to send the meeting flyer to the neighborhood assistant so she could send it out to the neighborhood e-mail list she regularly sends to.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

### **New Business**

#### **4. Environmental Services (ES) 2007 Year-end Service Report**

*John Stark*, ES staff discussed the services provided through the many programs that make up the department. This includes:

- **Air Quality:** This measures air pollutants all over the city. You can find more info on our Web page.
- **Hazmat:** inspects major facilities, provides for air permits and investigation. We had a yearly total of 2000 citizen contacts and with four staff for this program they keep very busy. For example: the Barton solvent fire in Valley Center we were called to do air monitoring and then recommended evacuation.
- **Animal control:** We received 30,000 calls for 2007. Officers are on the street to pick up strays and take calls on animal complaints. We feel with the combination of the new shelter and working with Kansas Humane Society we can improve our services along with improving the adoption rate of animals. Both services will now be in one location.
- **Childcare:** the nurses inspect childcare facilities to see if all regulations are being followed and providing safe facilities for children. If we receive complaints on facilities or do inspections and find problems, we may have possible undercover investigations as follow-up.
- **Ground water management:** We do environmental assessment and check ground water for contamination such as the Gilbert/Mosley project. We have the Water Center on Pawnee, which is a remediation center (pump station) for this project. The center also provides education to the public about ground water contamination and other environmental issues.

- **Code enforcement:** there has been a major change with this program. Combined residential inspections are now being done through the OCI department. Many of our inspectors have been transferred to that department. The code enforcement we are doing now pertains to licensing waste haulers, providing inspections for animal maintenance permits (AMP), handling complaints on odors, lighting and illegal dumping.
- **Storm water:** This used to be part of the public works department. We inspect construction sites to make sure there is no contamination of any kind being dumped into the storm water drains and also sampling of the water.
- **Water well licensers:** We are required by federal regulations to do sampling in order to provide permits. The water quality is inspected in wells, septic systems, irrigation wells, and water in swimming pools for safety. Some areas in the city are still on septic systems. We recently had 70 cryptosporidium cases transmitted through private-owned swimming pools.

*Laura Quik*, Food division supervisor discussed the inspectors go anywhere there are food complaints and they also teach food-handling classes. The classes are held in English and Spanish. 99.8% of the city's restaurants received inspection this past year and the remaining were not inspected as they were closed due to remodeling. **Aldrich** asked about the restaurant ratings that were printed in the newspaper and why we no longer see them. *Quik* explained the inspections were based on just one day, which is misleading to the public about the restaurant. The inspection process now is based as Pass/Fail for the restaurants. You can look up any restaurant rating on [ksfoodsafety.org](http://ksfoodsafety.org). This department also covers monitoring of tobacco/cigarettes being sold to underage minors. We work with youth and send them in to buy cigarettes and if a business sells them tobacco we fine the business. If they are fined for three or more repeat violations then they will have their state license pulled. **Carr** asked who gets fined the clerk or the owner? Both are fined and then the business gets published for doing this.

**Schreck** asked when do you hold the food handlers class and how long are they? You can go to our website and check the date and time of classes and it runs from 11/2 to 2 hours. **Schreck** also mentioned the sound near the interstate in the Sherwood Glen neighborhood. *Stark* stated the department is revising chapter F and reviewing with the Law department on issues.

**Randleas** asked if there would be any changes in the chapter pertaining to animal maintenance permits (AMP)? *Stark* responded he knows there are problems with this and it should be looked at.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Provide comment.

## **Board Agenda**

### **5. Problem Properties**

**Riverside:** Pine trees have died and we need to encourage owners to properly care for them so others won't die.

**Midtown:** School street signs: along 1100 and 1600 N. Waco on the East side were knocked over.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

### **6. Neighborhood Reports**

**Moorings:** we had people carrying items out of a home. This has already been reported to police.

**Schreck** asked about the reduced staff at fire station 13. **Fearey** responded she and councilmember Schlapp would be meeting with Chief Blackwell on the 19th for further discussion.

**Carr** asked if there had been any complaints from the closure of the 13<sup>th</sup> St Bridge. Response was only one complaint. **Carr** said traffic was slightly increased in her neighborhood but not much.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

**UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next DAB meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. (**Carr/Claycomb 11-0**)

**Guests**

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Ralph Stiffey	2316 S. Cypress
Jerry Prichard	1600 N. Clarence Indian-Hills-River bend N.A.
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield 67203 Riverside Citizens Association
Don Hamm	South City NA

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant